

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful review of the application. The Examiner obviously spent considerable time on this application and such effort is respectfully appreciated.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 4 – 11, and 22 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended the claims as shown and believe they are now in good form. As to claims 4 and 5 and references to “the other point in time,” Applicants have amended the claims as shown. Applicants respectfully point out that this language is referred to in the base claim 1 from which both claims depend either directly or indirectly. Applicants have also amended the unnumbered claim by labeling it claim 22.

Applicants have cancelled claim 23.

For all the foregoing reasons and in view of the amended claims as now presented, Applicant believes this case is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby provide a general request for any extension of time which may be required at any time during the prosecution of the application. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which have not been previously paid for by check and which are required during the prosecution of this application to **Deposit Account No. 50-1287**. (Should Deposit Account No. 50-1287 be deficient, please charge any further deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 10-0220.)

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned via telephone with any questions or comments regarding this case.

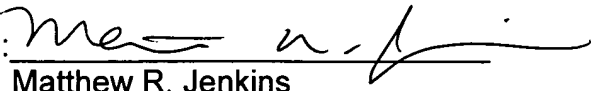
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Amendment dated August 1, 2005  
Examiner: Raevis, Robert R.

**APPLICANTS RESPECTFULLY REQUEST AN INTERVIEW WITH THE  
EXAMINER IF THE EXAMINER DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS AMENDMENT  
PLACES THE APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.**

Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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